



# Arts BRAG

2012-13 SCHOOL YEAR FEB/MAR/APR

## William D. Cannon Art Gallery

Upcoming exhibitions connecting to our arts education programs

### **Vanishing Traditions: Textiles and Treasures from Southwest China**

April 2 through June 2, 2013

Local collector Bea Roberts offers the Cannon her stunning private collection of "minority wear," Guizhou Province crafts, costumes and silver adornments from eighteen different groups whose rich identities and traditions were preserved in isolation and are almost unknown to the outside world. Don't miss this rare glimpse of the hidden cultures of China.



### **Family Open Studios Plus**

Saturday, May 11

Carlsbad City Library complex

1775 Dove Lane, Carlsbad, 92011

courtyard and Schulman Auditorium

11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Performances at 11:45 a.m. and 1:15 p.m.

FREE

Come join our very popular hands-on art making event designed for all ages! On Saturday, May 11, 2013—we will hold another very popular Family Open Studios Plus event: featuring the artistic talents of the Southern Sea Lion Dance Association.

First, tour the *Vanishing Traditions: Textiles and Treasures from Southwest China* exhibition in the William D. Cannon Art Gallery. Then, you'll be greeted by an arts educator and our talented volunteers to set you up with a specially designed art project related to the exhibition. Finally, you get to take your completed work

of art home. All materials and workspace are provided. No reservations required and stay as long as you like!

Family Open Studios is presented by the City of Carlsbad's Cultural Arts Office and is generously funded by the Carlsbad Friends of the Arts. "Plus" programs are made possible by the Carlsbad Library and Arts Foundation's Robert H. Gartner Cultural Endowment Fund.

### **Teen Open Studios**

Monday, April 29

Georgina Cole Library

1250 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad, 92008

3:30 to 5 p.m. • FREE

The Cultural Arts Office and the Library's Youth Services Division are teaming up with San Diego Museum of Art, museum educator, Brian Patterson—to bring in a fun, interactive hands-on art making activity geared for our local teens! This event will connect to the *Vanishing Traditions: Textiles and Treasures from Southwest China* exhibition at the Cannon Art Gallery.



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Traditions

# What's going on...

### CARLSBAD UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

#### Buena Vista Elementary School

The students of Buena Vista Elementary celebrated the winter holidays with happiness and good cheer. Adorned with garlands and poinsettias in their hair, the first grade students of Lin Laski and Kristine Rowe performed at the La Costa Resort on December 8. The children sang *The Merry Hula*, *Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree* and *Hip Hop Reindeer*. The second and third graders enjoyed the Three-Part-Art gallery education program at the William D. Cannon Art Gallery. Students visited the exhibition, *Full Deck: A Short History of Skate Art*, learned about the design elements of a skateboard deck and the history of skateboarding and ultimately designed their own skateboard decks. The students loved the experience.

#### Jefferson Elementary School

Jefferson Elementary students and their music teacher Ms. Amber Gustafson recently partnered with One World Chorus, a non-profit organization based in Portland, Oregon, that is dedicated to connecting children around the world through song. Ten students from the Jefferson chorus were selected to participate in a special workshop and performance put on by One World Chorus at LEGOLAND on New Year's Eve. The experience offered these students a wonderful opportunity to learn new music, sing with kids from other cities, and perform onstage with a live band. The Jefferson chorus just wrapped up its winter concerts this past December. The chorus includes almost sixty Jefferson students from third through fifth grade who love to sing! The chorus is now working on literature to present during the spring concerts in May. Fourth graders at Jefferson are preparing to learn the recorder while the fifth graders are getting ready to learn the guitar. Students can't wait to start!

#### Magnolia Elementary School

Magnolia Elementary students are excited to start the new year by experiencing sculpting. Their visual arts teacher, Mrs. Vaupel, has introduced the art of Bas Relief to her students, exploring historical images from countries such as Italy, China and Egypt, as well as modern day examples. Students learn how to manipulate aluminum foil to create an armature for their sculptures. Plaster of Paris is then combined with strips of paper towels and draped over their subjects, creating a resemblance to stone Bas Relief sculptures.

#### Poinsettia Elementary School

Poinsettia Elementary students receive differentiated instruction in the arts every other week right in their own classroom: Mrs. Clark brings in new and interesting materials to work with, such as fish for gyotaku printing, and paints, straws, recycled materials and chalk. A unit based on abstract expressionism enables the students to "live" the art by using various inventive methods of putting paint on canvas. Students in first through fifth grades collaborated on a 36"x36" gold-leaf panther (the school's mascot) on canvas that is on display in the main office!

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#### Hope Elementary School

Hope Elementary's fifth grade music groups will have their first instrumental concert in March. Fourth graders will start rehearsing for their extensive Gold Rush program and sharpening their skills on the soprano recorder. A few students will also try the tenor and the sopranino recorder. Kindergarten students are working on high and low and other opposites. Special education classes are developing hand-to-eye coordination and improvisation skills using rhythm instruments. Mrs. Sharon Evans came back from the American Orff-Schulwerk Association's Professional Development Conference in St. Louis with a plethora of new ideas to try in her classroom. Hope Joyful Bells Handbell Ensemble enjoyed playing for different groups at its winter concert and is working hard on new spring repertoire as the students get ready for community concerts and the annual college music department visit. At the end of the year all grades will experience a six week drumming curriculum which for many students is their favorite musical activity of the year.



Buena Vista singers entertain the crowds at La Costa Resort at the holidays.



Buena Vista visited *Full Deck* at the Cannon Art Gallery. A deck artist in the making?



The Hope Joyful Bells Handbell Ensemble.



Hope students preparing for their spring concert.



## Valley Middle School

### Band and Orchestra

Valley Middle School's (VMS) band and orchestra program consists of beginning, intermediate and advanced band and orchestra (all levels in one class) with a total of approximately 150 students from sixth through eighth grades, directed by Ms. Amanda Boer. The beginning level provides new musicians with the basics of music notation, rhythm, tone production, concert etiquette, music history and a beginning connection to a lifetime of music. The intermediate level builds on the basics and encourages musicians to think about larger performing group concepts such as balance and intonation. The advanced level of study provides musicians with depth in all areas of music performing and prepares them to study music in high school. The beginning levels attend a yearly concert by the San Diego Symphony Orchestra. The intermediate and advanced levels compete once a year against other school and regularly receive unanimously superior ratings. The advanced levels annually participate in a soundtrack recording session at the Disneyland Resort's recording studios where they study, prepare, and record the music for a Disney film in Disney's. All performing groups perform two concerts per year, a Winter Concert in November and a Spring Concert in May, as well as performing for community events such as Halloween on Elm in Carlsbad Village and



Talented Jefferson students sing for a worthy cause on New Year's Eve.



Students at Magnolia concentrate on learning the ancient art of Bas Relief.

the Chamber of Commerce Outstanding Educational Program Awards.

### Visual Art

The fine arts program, taught by Ms. Sue DeWulf, involves all grade levels. First year students choose a twelve week introductory course which acquaints them with the elements and principals of art and a variety of mediums. Seventh and eighth grade students go deeper into concepts and artists through a semester course. Advanced eighth grade students participate in a year curriculum which involves them in community art events. This February they will experience the J. Paul Getty Museum in Los Angeles. In September they created murals for Art Splash and most recently sketched venues around LEGOLAND.

### Choral Music Program

VMS choral program consists of three choirs: the beginning ensemble choir, Viking Singers and the advanced group Showstoppers. All three groups perform at various venues throughout the year in addition to attending competitions at Knotts Berry Farm and workshops at Disneyland. VMS choral department will be presenting "Seussical Jr." directed by Ms. Olivia Hardy, March 28 to 30 at the Carlsbad Cultural Arts Center. The production is funded in part by a grant received from the Carlsbad Cultural Arts Office and features over 90 choral students in sixth through eighth grade.



Violinist at Valley Middle School.

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### St. Patrick Catholic School

St. Patrick's 2012 Christmas Pageant was a celebration of some of the world's most beautiful music. Students in grades kindergarten through seventh began the show with a procession with costumes and props, then each class performed a song representing its assigned country. The eighth grade class traditionally makes up the "Living Nativity" before the program begins, and it is always one of the highlights of the evening! In spring, all of our students will once again take to the stage, as they entertain their grandparents with a costume themed show. This year's theme is A Salute to Johnny Cash!

### Montessori Arts and Sciences School

Montessori students, kindergarten through sixth grade, have all created work for the San Diego Museum of Art's *Young Art 2013: The Story of Me*. The visual arts program explores American artists in third through sixth grades while kindergarten through second grade classes explore art from all continents.

Attending the Classics for Kids, *Bluegrass and Bach* and the San Diego Opera's *Aida* will be highlights for musical education, while we continue to work on composers, ensemble Orff-Schulwerk, voice and recorder work. Our Arts and Awards Night will take place on May 23 at the Carlsbad Senior Center Auditorium with drama, Spanish language, dance, music and the visual arts incorporated into the night's festivities.

The City of Carlsbad's Cultural Arts Office Community Arts Grants funded the Imagine It! Program. The classic tales of *Strega Nona* and *The Nightingale*, which were performed January 26, provided much growth in interpretation, analysis of literature and confidence in self-expression. Students all worked on scenery, costumes and props.



Students at Montessori Arts and Sciences get creative.

## Bringing It Home to Carlsbad

Our Arts-in-Education Advisory Committee continues to be your advocate for keeping and improving arts in our Carlsbad schools. We meet on a regular basis, sharing information on advocacy, grant and program opportunities and seek to assist in any way with these advocacy efforts.

Please plan on attending our committee meeting on Thursday, March 14, 2013 at 3:30 p.m. We will have Russ Sperling, Visual and Performing Arts Coordinator at San Diego County Office of Education, sharing efforts on San Diego's Arts Empower Initiative.

## Mark your calendar!

### Future meeting dates for 2013

#### Thursday, March 14

All meetings take place in the Gowland Meeting Room, located within the Carlsbad City Library complex (on Dove Lane), unless noted otherwise. These meetings are held on Thursdays from 3:30 to 5 p.m. All are welcome.



All grades at Poinsettia contributed to the creation of the big gold-leaf panther that now hangs in the main office.

## For more information regarding...

**Education Programs or Our Committee Meetings** 760-434-2901 or email [tonya.rodzach@carlsbadca.gov](mailto:tonya.rodzach@carlsbadca.gov)

**Gallery Exhibition & Programs** 760-602-2021

**Other Programs & Events Offered by the Cultural Arts Office** visit our website at [www.carlsbadca.gov/arts](http://www.carlsbadca.gov/arts)

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